

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Instant Message Pub.Feb16.pdf

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1700083.000

Medium: Computer Text File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: New Zealand

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
------------------------	----------------

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 03 April 2017

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 03 April 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The text file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes and the use of violence to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct. It consists of extracts from a series of text messages between men, using an “Instant Message” application. The participants exchange lurid fantasies of sex with young boys, frequently describing these incidents as violent sexual assaults. Some of the material also describes a predilection for the use of excrement in association with sexual conduct. Ideas about the desirability of sex with young boys and the sexual pleasure to be gained from the use of violence and cruelty are reinforced and perpetuated in these exchanges. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation and from the use of violence to compel them to submit to sexual conduct.